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A Moment with MaryAnn

I cannot believe that we have experienced another evacuation since I last communicated with my RHAA sisters. Some of you have struggled with the devastation of hurricane IKE. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through unimaginable heartache.

Let's talk about our October meeting! I am excited about seeing all of you! We will combine our September and our October agenda for the October meeting. Please make a special effort to attend! The next general meeting is Thursday, October 18 at 7pm at the Port Arthur, library.

Remember that member applications are now due and the RHAA would appreciate your membership. Our membership depends on everyone's support; please consider continuing to be part of our RHAA. I challenge everyone to bring in one NEW member. Ike has forced many in our area to rebuild. Let's attack "Ike" by building up the RHAA with new members.

I enjoyed visiting with the special ladies that came to the annual Red & White picnic. Hopefully next year more will be able to attend!

I pray that we will get to see the **Graham quilt** this meeting! Just to refresh your memory--- Sally White Graham Class of 1962 will be bringing her newest quilt donation for all to see! The RHAA will begin selling donation tickets and the proceeds will be used for our high school scholarships. The drawing will be held at our annual Christmas luncheon.

God Bless you and Hussar Love always,
Mary Ann Maceiras Broussard

Greetings to all our RHAA Members

The 2008-2009 Active Membership is now due! You can turn your application in at any RHAA gathering or meeting, or you can also mail it to our P.O. Box , which is listed at the top of the newsletter. Currently we have not yet received any new apps for the upcoming year. Remember, that we base our budget on our current membership and now that the new fiscal year has begun, our funds will begin to dwindle down. Your membership is greatly needed to continue to do the RHAA community service and sponsorship.

Our RHAA funds began the month of September at \$2,134.71 and ended at a balance of \$2215.54. No major money has gone out to pay for things such as our storage or sponsorships. Keep an eye open for details on that.

Annual Red & White Picnic

Our annual Red and White picnic was held on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008 from 11:00 to 1:00. We had about a dozen, or so, RHAA members who gathered at the West Groves Park. They were able to catch up on evacuation stories & who went where for the storm. The weather was wonderful & perfect for an outdoor gathering.

Update on Scholarship Recipient

We received a letter from our Scholarship recipient Amanda Renee Hernandez. This is the Granddaughter of Sara Dominguez Hernandez. She has been recognized for her academic excellence for the Spring Semester of 2008. This has earned her the distinction of achieving the Dean's honor List and being named a TCU Scholar, an award given to those students who achieve a 4.0 GPA. We will be sending her a check for her scholarship that she was awarded from the RHAA. Congratulations Amanda on all your hard work.

General Meeting

Our next General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 17th at 7pm at the Library. With the cancellation of our last meeting, due to the hurricane, we will have much business to discuss for this meeting. We only have three General Meetings before we begin the Mardi Gras practices and remember that we do not have General Meetings during that time. We will be collecting canned goods for the Thanksgiving Basket for the October meeting and we hope to have Sally Graham White there with her quilt that we will be raffling off to raise money for our Scholarships. Sally is going with a Red, White and Blue theme this year for her quilt, so bring your dollars and cans to help out with two worthy causes.

Special Committees

Scholarship – We will start accepting Scholarship Applications February 1, 2009.

We will begin selling Scratch offs at the Jan 10th Mardi Gras practice and drawing will be held @ Mardi Gras parade.

Sally has made a red, white and blue blanket, and will start selling the raffle tickets for the quilt at the October general meeting. The drawing will be held @ the Christmas party.

Relay for life – The 2009 theme is ROCK-N-RELAY. Christine Collazo will be the Contact person, once again for the RHAA. She will keep us posted on all the details for this event. Mark you calendars for April 24th & 25th if you wish to participate.

Important RHAA Dates

Oct 11th – Saturday, Cav-Oil-Cade Parade

Oct 16 – Thursday, General Mtg - Library 7pm (canned goods for the Thanksgiving Family)

Nov 20th – Thursday, General Meeting - Library 7pm
(canned goods for the Christmas Family)

Dec 6th – RHAA Christmas Party @ Novrosky's, 11am-2pm

Dec 18th – NO GENERAL MEETING

Jan 10th – Saturday, Practice 9-11am at the TJ Parking Lot

Jan 17th – Saturday, Practice 9-11am at the TJ Parking Lot

Jan 24th – Saturday, Practice 9-11am at the TJ Parking Lot

Jan 31st - Saturday, Practice 9-11am at the TJ Parking Lot

Prayer Request

Our hearts and prayers go out to all of those who were affected by Hurricane Ike. If any one knows of anyone whose home was damaged by the storm, please let us know so that we can put them on our list. Also, if anyone knows of anyone who is in need of clothes, food or furniture, we can get the word out on that also. We want to help out any way that we are able, so please keep us posted.

RHAA BRAGGIN' RIGHTS!

Melissa Yates, daughter of Lynn & Pam Yates, was honored at a banquet September 27th at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas. She was recognized as a State Council member for 4-H. The Banquet included members from 4-H, FFA and the FCCLA. The State of Texas has over 647,000 active 4-H members & only 32 sit on the State Council. Also, there are only 4 of the State Council that are Junior's in High School & Melissa is one of the four. This is quite an accomplishment and mom and dad are very proud of her. She has already received the traditional "Green Jacket" that she will wear at all state meetings and she will be receiving her 4-H State Ring shortly.